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2. Activities of Y.I.E. Assia, Ltd.

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1. The Thai Ministry of Commerce has registered the following shareholders of Y.I.E. Assia, Ltd.,\* 248-250 Rajawongse Road, Bangkok:

Issac Yema1**	71 Daeng Udom Lane, Bangkapi, Bangkok
Mier Issac Assia	Siri Chualasewok Lane, Silom Road, Bangkok
David Esses*	71 Daeng Udom Lane, Bangkapi, Bangkok
Baruc Jacob Halbi*	Ruen Ruedi Lane, Bangkapi, Bangkok
Sassoon Iaoul Rouben	South Nana Lane, Bangkapi, Bangkok
Lert Sirimonkol	Saeng Chand Lane, Bangkapi, Bangkok
Pinrat Siriboonrue	Songward Road, Bangkapi, Bangkok
Sawang Kanokvichit	Sammitr Lane, Bangkapi, Bangkok
Supat Krahtaroomborn	Rachprarob Road, Bangkok

The following are registered as special shareholders:

Baruc Jacob Halbi

Issac Yemal

Other Thai Ministry of Commerce records list the company's capitalization at 2,000,000 baht. Yehooda Isac Assia was the first president and was succeeded by Issac Yemal.

2. Y.I.E. Assia, Ltd., is plotting a monopoly of the smuggling of opium out of Thailand. In August 1949, they were attempting to force the sale of Pacific Overseas Airlines (Siam) Ltd., (POAS) stock\*\*\* in a quantity sufficient to give Assia control of FOAS. Once control of FOAS has been gained, the airline will begin smuggling opium into the United States.

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3. The opium smuggling ring will be directed by the three Assia brothers: Y. Assia, in New York; I. Assia, in Macao; and E. Assia, in Bangkok. On 29 December 1948, visa No. 71 was issued to Yahooda Isaac Assia for entry into the United States. I. Assia is presently managing a lucrative opium, gem, and gold trade between Bangkok and Macao.
4. A sizable quantity of opium has already entered New York concealed in sheet rubber.\*\*\*\* Detection of the opium is impossible unless the sheet rubber is torn apart.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] The 1947 Siam Directory lists Y.I.E. Assia Ltd., as exporters of tin ore, tin ingot, wolfram ore, rubber, rice, teak wood, sticklac, etc., and also as cutters and exporters of precious and semi-precious stones.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] The 1948 Siam Directory lists B. J. Halbi as Managing Director and Victor Kelly as General Manager of Y.I.E. Assia. For previous reports on Y.I.E. Assia, [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

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25X1A6a [REDACTED] The ownership of Y.I.E. Assia is surrounded by some confusion, since Yahooda Assia did not deny that he sold his firm to The Sassoon interests [REDACTED] David Esses, when filing for a visa to the United States, claimed that he owned a 20 percent interest in Y.I.E. Assia. Esses also stated that he has a deposit of almost \$20,000 in the Bank of Manhattan Company.

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25X1A6a [REDACTED] The name Djemal has been previously reported, but it is doubtful that Yemel and Djemal are the same person, since the first names are sufficiently different to avoid confusion. It might be noted that the names of the shareholders have been translated into Thai and back into English; therefore, certain inaccuracies and distortions can be expected.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] POAS has reported the following shareholders: Thai Government, 66,495 shares; Leslie A. Lewis, British national, 3,500 shares; and Thai Armed Forces officers, 5 shares. It seems most unlikely that Assia, Ltd., could in any way obtain a controlling majority of the stock.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Consular invoices are not required for rubber exports to New York; therefore, exports of rubber by Y.I.E. Assia cannot be confirmed or denied. It is possible that an affiliated company may be accomplishing the actual transfers.

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